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CHRISTOPHER WINDLEY LONSDALE  
*Founder of Shawnigan Lake School*

# In Memoriam

Christopher Windley Lonsdale

BORN, FEBRUARY 1ST, 1886

DIED, AUGUST 3RD, 1952

R. I. P.





ALL WHO have an association with Shawnigan Lake School were saddened by the news of the untimely death of Christopher Windley Lonsdale on Sunday, August 3rd, 1952, at Penticton, B.C., following so closely upon his retirement at the end of the Lent term. It was known that the health of the "Head" had given cause for increasing concern, but it was the hope of all that retirement would bring the opportunity for relaxation, and with that, the satisfaction of watching the work of a lifetime continue.

It has been ordained otherwise, and we who remain have been left not only to mourn, but to praise God for the work which he has done and the heritage which is ours.

To few is given the opportunity, the courage and the vision to found and lead a great school. To many as friends, old boys, pupils and staff, has been given the privilege of sharing in that work. May we all be worthy in our several ways of the trust that has befallen us.

The funeral service and burial were held on Thursday, August 7th, at St. Anne's Church, French Creek, Parksville, and were attended by a representative gathering of personal friends, old boys, and past and present members of the staff of Shawnigan Lake School. The service was taken by the Archbishop of British Columbia, the Most Reverend H. E. Sexton, D.D., assisted by the Rev. E. M. Willis, school chaplain, and by the Rev. H. J. Best, Rector of St. Anne's Church, French Creek.

A memorial service was held in the School Chapel at Shawnigan Lake on Sunday, September 14th, when in addition to the boys of the school, there was again a large attendance of parents, old boys and friends, who paid tribute to the life of the founder of the school in a memorable service.



# *Tributes to Christopher Windley Lonsdale*

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Address given by the Most Rev. H. E. Sexton, D.D., Archbishop of British Columbia, at the funeral service held at St. Anne's Church, French Creek. Parksville:

"We are assembled here today to bid an affectionate and respectful farewell to Christopher Lonsdale,—a valued friend, a man of strong personality and indomitable purpose, whose founding and building up of a great school from the most modest beginnings have been a remarkable,—indeed a monumental achievement.

He made an outstanding contribution to real Education, realizing that not only should boys receive sound teaching, but that they should be well equipped for the battle of life. He was therefore concerned with the development of moral principle, and the training of character, moulding the lives of hundreds of boys and men, who will always remember him with gratitude and respect. He continually emphasised the need of a controlling sense of duty, the sobering influence of reverence, and the strengthening which comes from habitual self-discipline. He will be missed by a multitude of friends, whose prayer for him today is that he may increase in the knowledge and love of God, and go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in the great beyond. May God rest his soul."

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Editorial from the Cowichan Leader, dated Thursday, August 7th, 1952:

## "LONSDALE OF SHAWNIGAN"

"Our earliest pioneers have passed on. They transformed forest into farms. They were the foundation of present day progress. After them came other builders whose group is lessening. Among them is to be counted Christopher Lonsdale.

He was an educated Englishman, of the type whose names may be read on our 1914 war memorial. His true bent was towards education, along the lines of what we call "private" schools and, in England are known as "public" schools.

Many men have visions. Most have ideals. Few are able to put them into constructive form. Mr. Lonsdale was among the few. He was a great visionary builder. With practically no funds and facing a host of difficulties, he instituted what thirty-eight years of hard work, careful planning and wise choices, have seen grow into the present Shawnigan Lake School. School credit might be poor in those early days but its head was known as a man of his word. He kept his promises.

He possessed wonderful judgment with boys. He did not suffer fools gladly. At the time of the 1926 fire his fine demeanour, organizing ability and thought for his charges were remarked. His wise provision, in 1928, for preventing his school from sharing the fate of so many privately owned schools, by becoming an independent foundation and thus owning itself, ensures that Shawnigan Lake School (Lonsdale's) shall continue.

To it he gave his life. The years added to his picture gallery of old boys who achieved distinction in war and peace. They carried and are carrying the Shawnigan tradition. In that are the Westminster connections, seen in pancake "greaze," Latin grace, red cassocked choir; unseen in character. He gave the school his own family arms, with the motto which Nelson also bore: "Palman qui meruit ferat." Freely translated: "Let only him who deserves it have the crown of glory."

Extract from the letter of an Old Boy, Tor Torland (1928-1933):

"I have just learned of the untimely death of Mr. Lonsdale. I wish to express to those of you who knew and worked with him, as well as to the others who knew of Mr. Lonsdale by reputation, my deep sorrow at the passing of one of the finest and most distinguished gentlemen of my experience.

I look back on my five years at Shawnigan from the relatively distant perspective of almost two decades, for it was in 1933 that I took my matriculation. My brothers anteceded me by only a few years. But these twenty years, which have had their usual obliterative effect on other experience have done little to diminish my memories of Shawnigan and of the Head Master who was the school's spirit and originator. The power and clarity of these memories is shared, I am sure, by all the boys whose first glimpse of the School was a long (and perhaps tremulous) vista up the Main Drive—and whose last recollection dies only when they themselves pass.

When "C. W." founded the School, almost forty years ago, he was motivated—I am sure—by faith in the basic principles upon which I need not here amplify. And one of his favorite biblical texts was that passage in which, on reaching manhood, the relator says that he "put away childish things" . . . The meaning was clear. But if putting away childish things means to forget Shawnigan and C. W. Lonsdale—then the undersigned is one who means to make exception! God bless the memory of a great man who "merited the palm" more than any of us."

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Tribute of the present Head Master, Mr. G. P. Kaye, at the memorial service held in the School Chapel on Sunday, September 14th:

"We are met this morning to pay tribute to the memory of Christopher Windley Lonsdale, the Founder, and for over thirty-eight years, the Head Master of this school, who entered into rest on Sunday, August 3rd, last.

We do not gather at this time in a spirit of mourning, but rather in a spirit of praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the life of one who dedicated himself to the establishment of a great school, and the building of Christian character.

There are many here to whom Mr. Lonsdale was a close and intimate friend and adviser: there are others who knew him only slightly or not at all, but all whose lives have been linked with the School or are touched by its existence must share a feeling of loss in his passing.

We acknowledge a debt of humble thanks for the great gifts of courage, of vision and of intellect, which were vouchsafed to our Founder in passing on to us the blessings and opportunities that are afforded us at Shawnigan Lake School.

The School itself is a memorial to Mr. Lonsdale, but we, by dedicating ourselves to God's purpose in these surroundings, can add to that memorial and continue the work which he has begun."





# School Notes

The most important piece of news during the school year was, of course, the retirement of the Founder and first Head Master of the school, Mr. C. W. Lonsdale. Mr. Lonsdale's subsequent and untimely death is recorded elsewhere in this issue. The School itself is a memorial to his life and work, and his name will live forever in the annals of the school as a great Founder and Head Master.

To the new Head Master and to Mrs. Kaye, we offer our best wishes for their success in their new sphere.

At the end of the summer term we unfortunately said farewell to many members of the staff: to Mr. Boniface whose name is synonymous with the buildings and with the life of the school generally: to Miss Stewart, who in her nineteen years at the school has done a tremendous amount of valuable—and at times unseen—work, turning her hand to anything that had to be put right. We wish her well in her new venture. To Miss Forbes whose efficiency and energy as Head Matron we shall sorely miss: to Mrs. Banner, who by her gentle kindness has endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact.

On the teaching staff there will be many gaps. We note with regret the departure of Mr. Pearce, who has left, we understand, to "do" rather than to "teach": of Mr. Baker, who has become a Civil Servant with the Department of Education: and Mr. Hyde-Lay, who is to go to Switzerland for a course in Gymnastics before continuing his teaching.

The weather provided us with the usual grumbles. In the fall, after an exceptionally dry summer, the football field was baked harder than usual. Everyone wanted rain. The rains came six weeks later, and in November the football field was a quagmire. Then we all wanted, but in vain, some dry weather. In the Lent term we had some cold weather, but for the first time in many years, no skating at all. In compensation we had some snow of which the ski enthusiasts made the most. The Summer term was badly named. We had too much cold and wet weather.

In January the Seniors left for Tacoma to attend the dance at the Annie Wright Seminary. Our thanks are due once more to Miss Jenkins for this invitation, which has become such a highly-prized feature of Shawnigan life.

During the year the following have paid us a visit to enliven the routine of school life:

Mr. Justice Macfarlane was our first visitor early in September. In June, 1951, labour troubles in coastal shipping caused a cancellation of our Speech Day. Mr. Justice Macfarlane stepped into the breach on our return, gave away the prizes, and after delivering a few well-chosen words of advice to all, he painted a most graphic picture of the life, the problems and the vicissitudes of a circuit judge. His whimsical manner and his diversity of experience were appreciated by all.

Mr. Maurer, a Canadian botanist in the employ of the British Colonial Service, showed us some lantern slides of his first trip to Northern Nigeria. His lecture included many interesting asides and photographs illustrative of native life and customs, as well as of the regional flora and fauna. We hope to see him again when he returns on his next furlough.

Our thanks are due to an Old Boy who gave us a talk on that most exciting of all services, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. A fluent speaker, Constable Alexander gave us a most vivid description of life in this Service, particularly in the more remote parts of the North-west. Incident after anecdote followed hard on each other's heels, with the result that the time passed all too quickly. As Constable Alexander is now in Duncan, perhaps he will be kind enough to give us a second chapter this coming year.

Mr. Jack Gray of the MacMillan Company of Canada, who during the closing year of the war was engaged in counter-espionage work in Holland, held us enthralled with the details of the tense and vivid moments that this work provided. After the lecture there was a more or less concerted movement on the part of the audience to sign up for this type of work during World War III. Our very sincere thanks are due to Mr. Gray who did not allow a very heavy business trip to interfere with a visit to Shawnigan.

In mid-February two representatives of the Forestry Department managed to make their way over the Malahat, a Malahat covered with deep and damp snow, to show us two excellent films and give us a most interesting talk on the importance of the forests.

By the courtesy of McGavin's Ltd. a very interesting film, entitled "Jungle Bread" was shown. This film was followed by an exhibition of native implements used in this film and brought from South America by the photographer. In addition, examples of native Indian art fascinated the audience. A very popular feature of the evening's entertainment was the distribution of miniature loaves of McGavin bread.

In May, Mr. Leeming, a member of the legal profession living in Duncan, very kindly traced for us the development of law throughout the ages and showed us why Anglo-Saxons in particular hold the law in such respect.



## *Chapel Notes*

During the enforced absence of the Rev. E. M. Willis for the greater part of the Michaelmas Term, the services were conducted by the Rev. Canon Creal, who had recently retired as rector of St. Paul's Church, Esquimalt. Canon Creal's kindly interest and helpful sermons were deeply appreciated by the School, and we were saddened by his sudden passing in November. His last sermon was preached in our chapel on the previous Sunday.

Mr. Willis was able to return, and—fully restored to health—he continues his long association with the School as chaplain.

The preacher at this year's Memorial Service was the Rt. Rev. N. V. Halward, former Bishop of Canton and Hong Kong. We regret to learn of his serious illness—the result of the rigours of imprisonment in a Communist concentration camp.

The Rev. John Stainer, assistant at St. Paul's, Nanaimo, was the preacher at Matins during the Old Boys' weekend in May, and the service of Evensong on Trinity Sunday was conducted by the Rev. John Maunsell of Lake Cowichan. The Rev. James F. O'Neil, of St. John's Norway (Toronto), was the preacher on the last Sunday of the school year.

There was no Confirmation service in the chapel this year, candidates being confirmed instead in St. Mary's Church, Kerrisdale, by the Bishop of New Westminster, the Rt. Rev. G. P. Gower.

The Closing Day sermon was to have been given by the Rt. Rev. Godfrey Gower, Bishop of New Westminster. Sudden illness in his family prevented his attendance, and his place was taken by Archbishop Sexton, who addressed the very large congregation.

On the day of the funeral of His Majesty, King George VI, an impressive memorial service was held in the Chapel, when many Shawnigan residents joined with the School in its tribute of respect on the passing of a beloved monarch.

In October, by invitation of the American Independent Schools Association, a Shawnigan delegation attended a conference on spiritual guidance, held at the Annie Wright Seminary in Tacoma, Washington. The generous hospitality of the Head Mistress, Miss Ruth Jenkins, and the friendly assistance of her committee made the occasion a memorable and

happy one. At the concluding service of the conference, those of our delegates who were also Chapel choristers augmented the Seminary choir.

Interesting and helpful though the many discussions were, they acted to emphasize the difficulty of presenting well-defined religious teaching in any but the denominational schools. Some felt that an attempt to find a common dynamic was a lost cause indeed, as long as not all could accept the claim of Jesus Christ to be the ultimate revelation of God for man. Vaguer definitions, attempting to be fraternally inclusive of all shades of religious opinion, were without permanent, compelling power.

The conference closed, however, on a note of hope, inspired by the fact that educators are becoming gravely concerned over the serious results of the prevalent religious illiteracy.

Probably the greatest value of such a conference is that it at least apprises young delegates of the existence of such concern within the sphere of education.

## *The Chapel Choir*

The repertory of the choir has increased very considerably during the year, and its performance of the service music has shown increasing competence, and a good appreciation of its high privilege and responsibility in the reverent leading of worship.

Through an unfortunate clash of dates, the choir was unable to accept an invitation to repeat last year's trip to Vancouver to present a concert in the Stanley Park Memorial Pavilion.

It is our hope in the ensuing year to sing on several occasions away from the School.

## *Examinations*

### **Senior Matriculation:**

Patterson, who took two subjects in the Senior Matriculation Examinations, namely, Latin 101 and French 101, passed both with percentages of 79 and 70 respectively.

### **Junior Matriculation:**

Bellm 1, Casselman, Goodenough, Louis 1, Patterson and Strathdee passed completely. Wilson 1 passed in every subject but one, in which he took a supplemental examination. The highest average was Strathdee's, 80.7%

In the Government Examinations taken by the Upper Fifth Form, the following were completely successful in the subjects written: Dryvynsyde, Gaffney and London. Elmaleh, Osvold, Rohrback and Ross passed in part.

We were pleased to hear that Strathdee had been accepted at McGill University, and that Louis 1 has passed into the University of Washington and Wilson 1 into Stanford University.

## *Speech Day*

We were very pleased to welcome a representative and large attendance of parents and friends at the school Speech Day on Friday, June 20th. It was most appropriate that Mr. A. Bruce Robertson, Q.C., an old boy and first Head Boy of the school, should give the address and present the prizes. Mr. Robertson entertained us with many anecdotes and experiences of the early days in the life of the school, and exhorted the boys in their pursuit of the humanities.

On the platform with Mr. Robertson and the Head Master were also Lady Lake, widow of the late Sir Richard Lake, Archbishop H. E. Sexton, Mr. J. Y. Copeman, Mr. A. Sullivan and Mr. F. Duxbury.



Following the Prize Giving, tea was served and the final Leaving Service was held in the school chapel, when in the regrettable absence of the Rt. Rev. G. P. Gower of New Westminster on account of illness, the address was given by the Archbishop

### PRIZE LIST — JUNE, 1952

Form VI .....	J. A. Strathdee	Form Remove B .....	P. K. Janke
Form VU .....	T. A. London	Form III .....	P. Tressler
Form VL .....	R. L. Obermarck	Form II .....	J. S. Woolf
Form IV .....	C. T. Battle	Special Prize .....	J. C. W. Madden
Form Remove A .....	C. J. Kyles		

### EFFICIENCY PRIZES

Presented by the Old Boys

Michaelmas Term .....	J. P. Gaffney	Summer Term .....	J. P. Gaffney
Lent Term .....	G. R. Wilson		

### HOUSE CUPS

Sports .....	Lake's	Cricket .....	Grove's
Gymnastics .....	Grove's	Swimming .....	Ripley's

### TROPHY AWARDS

Sports Challenge Cup .....	B. A. Coates
Sports, under 16, Challenge Cup .....	P. J. MacInnes
Sports, under 14, Challenge Cup .....	J. C. W. Madden
Swimming Trophy .....	D. C. Brooks
Sportsmanship Cup .....	P. J. MacInnes
Squash Cup .....	D. Bellm

## *Swimming Races*

On account of the predominance of cold weather in May and June, there has not been as much swimming as usual, especially on the part of the Upper School. The Juniors, fortunately, have not yet reached that advanced age when the water's temperature is a matter of paramount importance. The attitude "It's summertime and therefore we swim" has much to recommend it.

Despite the lack of practice the swimming races, held in the final week, were enthusiastically contested. Ripley's, thanks to Babcock and Elmaleh, managed to win quite handsomely over Groves' who were the favourites. For the latter, Crooks was the outstanding performer.

## *Hobby Shop*

The Radio Club, with a small but enthusiastic membership, was busy throughout the year. Crisp and Ford supplied a large part of the enthusiasm and knowledge, and much useful work was done.

The Photography Club enjoyed a burst of activity in the summer term, due in part to the fact that Mr. Battle offered a number of prizes for the best photographs taken. London organized the club and transmitted his own enthusiasm and knowledge to other members.

The Wood and Metal Shop saw a little activity in November and December of the Michaelmas term. In the Easter term there was practically none, as it proved impossible to put any heat into the building. This, we hope, has now been rectified. In the Summer term there were only a few enthusiasts working on their own private projects.

This coming year we have on the Staff a man who will hold regular classes in wood and metal-working and whose task it will be to devote a large share of his time to this most important phase of school life.



## *The Cadet Corps*

The biggest item of Cadet news this year was the announcement by the Head Master that the School had disbanded the Army Cadet Company, and in September, 1952, would form a unit of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps.

It is with mixed feelings that we terminate our affiliation with the Canadian Army, whose Cadet Training Officers and Reserve Units have been most co-operative during past years. It is felt, however, that wider use of the Lake for Navy training, and the availability of R.C.N. establishments at Esquimalt more than justify the change over.

The Annual Inspection was carried out this year by Brig. H. P. Bell-Irving, D.S.O., O.B.E.. Following the ceremonial parade, the Company staged a mock battle, made realistic by the use of thunder-flashes and blank ammunition. An excellent P.T. display, reflecting a high calibre of training, closed the proceedings. Brig. Bell-Irving in a short address, expressed great satisfaction with the training standard achieved and congratulated Cadet-Major Bellm on the Company's excellent showing.

By their sustained effort and continued interest in Cadet activities, No. 3 Platoon (Cadet-Lieut. J. P. Gaffney) carried off the Inter-platoon Drill Trophy.

## *Rag Concert*

The discordant racket occasioned by the four "singing" prefects was in some measure atoned for by the Juniors when Joe Matthews and his troubadours delighted the audience with music and song. The time-honoured sanctity of the Rag Concert "being more Rag than concert" seems yet to prevail. To provide slap-stick comedy which is acceptable requires rare artistry—a technique and finesse without which the performance becomes one of mediocrity.

This year's concert did, however, satisfy the ego of the performers, provide the audience with entertainment of sorts, and supply the necessary break in the fall term's more serious activities. As such it can be considered to have fulfilled its mission, and earned for itself a rightful place in the school's calendar of events—thus justifying its existence.

## *Ripley's House Notes*

Returning at the beginning of the year, we found Wilson I to be head of the House, and incidently Head Boy of the School, a gratifying, though—as doubtless all members of the House will agree—not undeserved, honour for the House. In running the house, Wilson and Elmaleh, who was also elevated to the position of a School Prefect, were assisted by the two House Prefects, Obermarck I and Osvold. Unfortunately for us, Obermarck I left at Christmas time to grace other fields with his athletic prowess, and we will take this opportunity of wishing him good luck.

In sports the worth of Ripley's was not lacking. The 1st XV was strengthened by seven useful members from the House, Wilson I and Osvold being awarded their School Rugby Colours. The House was in third place in the track and field sports, but it had given Grove's House a run for its money. Ripley's won the inter-house Basketball Competition with ease, and came second in the Gym Competition with 237 points, only eleven points behind the winning House. Further honours were brought to Ripley's by Hunter, who won the Badminton Tournament, and by Babcock, who managed to stick to, capture, or otherwise control the major portion of what was, two minutes previously, called a pancake at the Pancake Greaze on Shrove Tuesday. In the dormitories, Number 3 (Batlle) won the shield for the Michaelmas and Lent terms, and Number 1 (McAlpine) for the Summer term.

The House was given the bye in the first round of the Inter-house Cricket matches, and lost to Groves' in the final, and was thus relegated to sharing second place with Lake's house. This was a very questionable distinction since five Ripley members played on the 1st XI, two of whom, Wilson I and Hunter, received their School Cricket Colours. However,

the House swam away with the Water Sports trophy. Ripley's was further distinguished on the day of prize giving by Obermarck II, Battle, Tressler and Woolf, who were top of their respective forms, and by Wilson I who won the Efficiency Cup for the Lent Term.

The spirit and general feeling in the House throughout the year was, on the whole, good. In large measure the head of the House, Wilson I, was responsible. It is to be hoped that next year as high a standard of common sense and leadership will be shown by the head of the House.

Appreciation is certainly due the House Matrons, Mrs. Nicholls, Mrs. Kattler and Mrs. Wacker, for their efforts during the past year, and we wish them luck wherever they may go.

To those members of the House who are leaving we wish success in their endeavours. Good luck to the House in the future and may it uphold its traditions.

## *Lake's House Notes*

For Lake's House, the past year has seen progress and achievement in many fields of endeavour. Following a smashing victory in the Track and Field Sports, which saw Coates emerge as the High Aggregate winner, sportsmanship and good taste dictated that the less-blessed Houses should be permitted to carry off the honours in the other, minor, athletic contests. Mention might also be made, in all modesty, that Lake's contributed five members to the First XV and First XI, and four to the Colts. It is surely unnecessary to point out that our representatives undoubtedly formed the backbones of these teams. To refute any argument against this highly reasonable claim, reference is made to the fact that the all-round Sportsmanship Trophy was won this year by MacInnes.

It would be as well, perhaps, to draw a discreet veil over the matter of academic achievement. Although Lake's has no Matriculant members this year, both Kyles and Janke won achievement prizes in their respective forms.

For next year, the prospects are bright. The House membership is almost intact, and we can expect great things. It seems fitting, therefore, to close this account on a note of gentle sympathy for the other Houses who must realize that they face, by comparison, a rather dull and featureless 1952-53.

## *Groves' House Notes*

It has not been merely the overhead thumpings and bumpings attendant upon bedtime and reveille that have made a place for Groves' in the consciousness of the Houses 'down under.' From the rarefied atmosphere of their lofty eyrie, Grove-ites have sallied forth to take effective parts in all aspects of School life, and have proved themselves conquerors in a goodly number of scholastic and physical contests.

More than fifty-five percent of the membership of the Chapel Choir during the past year was drawn from the ranks of Groves'. Two of the three Efficiency awards for the year went to one of its members—Patrick Gaffney. The Sixth Form and Fifth Form prizes were won by John Strathdee and Tam London respectively, and a special Fourth Form award was made to John Madden.

Although in the final tally in track events Groves' took second place to Lake's, the House had the winner in the under fourteen class in the person of John Madden.

The House was also second in water sports, but the best individual swimmer was Derek Brooks.

The Cricket Cup was captured by Groves', and although no new colours were awarded to Groves' House, 'old Colours' in the House are D. Bellm and T. Goodenough, the former of whom won first place in the squash competition.



### 1st Rugby XV

Back Row: J. P. Gaffney, W. N. H. Kingscote, T. F. Goodenough, P. W. MacInnes, G. R. Wilson, D. Bellm, R. D. P. Ross, F. L. A. Elmaleh, T. M. Osvold, P. J. Wilson, S. C. Rohrbach, T. A. London.

Front Row: B. A. Coates, A. R. Casselman, P. E. Walker.

## Rugby Notes

A rather disappointing season, and yet in many ways, one that was thoroughly satisfactory. Except for one miserable showing when the team as a whole played like a collection of weak-kneed mudhens, they always gave a very good account of themselves. Every game was hard fought and very often a more even struggle than the score would suggest. Perhaps as a whole we flattered to deceive, generally outplaying our opposition in infield, but weak finishing or over-anxiousness, or both often caused failure at the vital moment.

Taking into account the lightness and youth of the side, the team is to be congratulated upon its good spirit and fighting qualities.

Our power lay in a good three-quarter line, but except in the first University game, they failed to click as a unit so it was often a very pleasant and unexpected surprise to find the forwards rising to the occasion and in this way taking up the slack.

With several of this year's side available for duty next season, the prospects at the moment appear bright.

### CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XV

**D. BELLM** (Captain). He had a disappointing season, never quite realizing the potential that we knew he possessed. However he was cool under pressure and his defensive kicking was sound. His running lacked thrust and he was apt to run across the field too much. His handling was excellent.

**G. R. WILSON** (Vice-Captain). Played very courageously throughout the season with an injured back. He led the forwards extremely well and was always in the van himself. His defence was excellent and although somewhat of an opportunist, he still did his work in the set scrums.

**F. L. A. ELMALEH**. A powerful hard-running wing who had few chances to shine. He must develop some guile if he wishes to do himself credit. The easiest way between two points is not always a straight line. Sound in defence, kicking still weak but improving.

**B. A. COATES**—Forward. He developed very quickly into the workhorse of the pack and never really played a poor game. He is fast and aggressive and although sometimes thoughtless, has a sound knowledge of the essentials of forward play.

**P. W. MacINNES**—Centre. A very fine centre. He was the spearhead of the attack, always dangerous and always likely to score. His defence was excellent, but he could well do to improve his kicking.

**W. N. H. KINGSCOTE**—Forward. A very hard working honest forward and good hooker. He was always in the thick of the fray, and despite his light weight was remarkably durable. His tackling and falling were excellent, his kicking non-existent.

- T. F. GOODENOUGH**—Centre. He combined well with MacInnes and towards the end of the season became a most dangerous attacking player, through his ability to spot a gap in the defence. His tackling and kicking were good.
- T. M. OSVOLD**—Scrum Half. A "hot and cold" player, who must learn to play hard all the time. His service from the base of the scrum was erratic, but often excellent, likewise with his defence. Kicking was good, but too slow in getting it away. At his best he was a very useful member of the team, but on an off-day he was a weak link in the defensive armour.
- R. P. D. ROSS**—Forward. Except for one poor game, he always played hard and well. He made use of his height well in the lineouts and never let his lack of weight interfere with his plans.
- S. C. ROHRBACK**—Forward. A very hard working forward who pushed well in the set scrums and was never far away from the ball.
- P. J. WILSON**—Wing forward. Came along very rapidly at the end of the season when he showed that he well knew the duties of an attacking forward, but although his tackling was good, his defence was poor, due to thoughtlessness. He tired easily.
- P. E. WALKER**—Forward. He learned the game rapidly and although often guilty of faux pas through inexperience, he played with a drive that was commendable in one so light.
- A. R. CASSELMAN**—Wing. Although light, and somewhat lacking in pace, he always played courageously and intelligently. His defence was sound, but he could well do to improve his kicking.
- J. P. GAFFNEY**—Full-back. Rather weak. His positioning was fair, but he became flustered too easily and often kicked a very short touch when he could easily have had time to steady himself. His falling was good as was his tackling, although he displayed a peculiar weakness in missing runners who ran to his left side. If he could rid himself of his panic, he would be a very sound player.
- Also played:** E. W. Obermarck, G. W. Banks, D. Brooks, B. Bick, P. F. Hartl and L. O. Louis.

#### FIXTURE LIST

##### 1st XV

Oct. 17th	Victoria High School .....	Home	Lost	3 - 8
Oct. 31st	Victoria High School .....	Away	Lost	0 - 23
Nov. 7th	Oak Bay High School .....	Away	Lost	3 - 11
Nov. 11th	Old Boys XV .....	Home	Lost	3 - 10
Nov. 26th	St. George's School .....	Home	Lost	3 - 14

##### 1952

Feb. 9th	University School .....	Home	Won	17 - 3
Mar. 1st	University School .....	Away	Lost	3 - 14

##### COLTS XV

Nov. 17th	St. George's School .....	Away	Won	9 - 6
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##### 1952

Feb. 9th	University School .....	Home	Lost	6 - 9
Mar. 1st	University School .....	Away	Draw	3 - 3

There was no "Rugby" House matches played in the 1951-52 season.

## *Badminton*

Badminton was fairly popular throughout the School, as was evinced by the 31 entries in the competition. It is true that the majority of these players were beginners and that the general standard was not high, however keenness is the primary requisite, skill will follow. Hunter proved to be the eventual winner and was only extended by Banks in the finals. Banks, on the other hand, only reached the finals after two close matches with Bellm and Svendsen I. Simson and Brooks show promise.



## Squash

Squash is again becoming popular amongst the more junior boys. Bellm is the No. 1 player in the school, Goodenough is No. 2, Bick No. 3 and Kaye I No. 4. Several of the juniors show promise and it is hoped that their keenness will be rewarded by a general raising of the standard, which has been at a low ebb since the departure of Mr. Larsen for Oxford.

Bellm had little difficulty in winning the Larsen Squash Cup, disposing of Goodenough in the finals by a score of 15-6, 15-6, 15-3.

Bellm and Goodenough and Wilson I were entered into the Pacific Northwest Squash Championships in Victoria, along with Mr. Duxbury and Mr. Hyde-Lay. It was not a very auspicious occasion for S. L. S., as all five entries were defeated. Bellm was the only one who acquitted himself well, being unlucky to lose his match with the score at 17-17 in the fifth and final game.

A match was arranged with H.M.C.S. Naden in which Lt.-Cdr. McCormick R.C.N., brought up his Physical Training Staff to play the School team, which consisted of Mr. Duxbury, Mr. Hyde-Lay, Bellm and Goodenough. Lt.-Cdr. McCormick proved to be too experienced for one and all, otherwise the matches were very close and interesting. The match was won by H.M.C.S. Naden by 16 games to 25 games.

## Gymnastic Competition

The inter-house Gymnastics Competition was won by Groves' House. Their margin of victory was quite large and they definitely proved themselves to be the best balanced team. Individual honours went to MacInnes of Lake's who amassed 65¾ points, just nosing out Simson by half a point. Kingscote and Osvold were the next in order. Svendsen I was the best of the juniors. The standard of the Competition was not as high as that of last year.

### 1. GROVES'

Simson	65¾
Kingscote	64
Gaffney	61¼
Madden	57½
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	248

### 2. RIPLEY'S

Osvold	63¾
Bick	60¼
McAlpine	57½
Casselman	55½
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	237

### 3. LAKE'S

MacInnes	65¾
Svendsen I	59¼
Coates	59
Moffatt	51
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	235

## Basketball

### 1st Team—

The School Team played three matches, twice beating the village intermediate 'B' Boys quite easily, and then challenging Cowichan High School to lose rather badly.

The team was well led by Osvold who was often the best player on the floor. Goodenough and Banks also played well, and Wilson, whilst not always successful, was always aggressive. The weakest member of the starting V was Bellm, who lacked confidence and was always more comfortable and played better when our opponents had the ball. Of the reserves, MacInnes, Wilson 2 and Berg show promise.

### Juniors—

The Juniors had two interesting matches with the Midgets from the village. They lost the first match but won the second. The team was well led by Underhill and he was ably supported by Svendsen I, Simson, Burns and Jones.

There were so many entries in the Free Throw Competition that it had to be divided into a Junior and Open section. In the Junior Competition there were many oddities. Crisp and Kaye 2 had to shoot off five times before Crisp finally came through. Svendsen I, the eventual winner, scraped past his brother in an earlier round 4-3 (out of 20 throws). Simson just beat two opponents to lose by the odd basket in 19 to Svendsen in the finals.

In the Senior Competition all the "recognized" basketball players were eliminated early on, so it was possible for the less heralded members to shine. Svendsen I, the Junior winner, reached the semi-finals, disposing of two members of the School V en route. Jones and Warner met in the finals, the former winning 13-12.



**1st Cricket XI**

Back row: J. A. Kaye, W. G. Banks, T. F. Goodenough, D. Bellm, G. R. Wilson, T. M. Osvold, B. A. Coates, P. J. Gaffney.

Front row: A. D. Hunter, P. W. MacInnes, B. de J. Bick.

## *Cricket Notes 1951 - 52*

Seven matches were played, although the game against Qualicum College was abandoned in the early stages because of rain. With several games providing much excitement an interesting season was completed and there was a marked improvement in the side and in its enthusiasm as the season progressed.

The first match was against Cowichan Cricket Club Juniors, who had just been organized as a team and were admittedly without practice. Our batsmen scored freely and the side retired with a score of 112. Hunter and Goodenough each took five wickets in dismissing our opponents for nineteen runs. Against University School at Victoria the side showed no spirit and were well and thoroughly beaten by a superior team in all departments of the game. Challoner was particularly effective for University School, taking six wickets for six runs.

The match against the Old Boys proved to all spectators who saw the finish that Cricket can be an exciting game. The Old Boys batted first and made 67, D. MacInnes, G. Parke and T. Pearce being top scorers. Goodenough took five wickets and was the best bowler. In the second innings a strong third wicket partnership by MacInnes and Bellm produced thirty-five runs, and it looked as though the School would win with a comfortable margin. However, wickets fell quickly thereafter and when the last man went in to bat seven runs were needed for victory. With good luck and some good management Osvold and Elmaleh succeeded in demoralizing both the fielders and the spectators and raised the total to 72 before Osvold was caught. Pearkes took six wickets for 14.

The traditional game against the Head Master's XI was played on Ascension Day. Strong batting by Messrs. G. F. Dyson, C. E. Lonsdale and D. Hyde-Lay for the Head Master's XI proved too good for the school bowling, and the side declared at 100 for six wickets. After a poor start MacInnes and Goodenough added 26 for the second wicket, but the School XI were 41 for five and matters looked bad. Coates and Hunter added 22 for the 6th wicket and there was a glimmer of hope until Fuller, who was playing eleventh man for the Head Master's XI caught three good catches in quick succession and the side was out for 73.

Once again the School was well represented in the Vancouver Island Schools' XI that visited Vancouver to play the Mainland Schools on May 24th. Bellm captained the side and Goodenough, MacInnes and Wilson also played and contributed materially to the victory which was achieved, resulting in the cup returning to Vancouver Island for another year.

The two innings match against St. George's School at Brockton Point was an outstanding success in every way. The weather was perfect, the setting ideal, and the game interesting and exciting throughout. Bellm again lost the toss and Shawnigan opened the batting with Kaye and MacInnes. The latter and Wilson I were top scorers for Shawnigan in a modest total of 64 runs. Goodenough bowled well to secure six of St. George's wickets, and our opponents were dismissed for 37 runs. In the second innings we made 58, Wilson and MacInnes again batting well and being joined by Bellm who scored 18. St. George's were left with 86 runs to make in one hour to obtain victory. Goodenough again proved

successful with the ball and our hosts were finally dismissed in the last over of the day for 55 runs, giving Shawnigan a well earned win by 31 runs.

A week later, on June 14th, we played our last match of the season against University School at Shawnigan. Once again we were put in to bat first and were a little gloomy when the side was dismissed for 46 runs. MacInnes was the only batsman who offered any resistance to the steady bowling of Huntley and Challoner with an innings of 21. University School were 22 when the third wicket fell, but Challoner was still in and batting well. However Hunter got busy and took five wickets in three overs without a run being scored and the whole complexion of the game changed. The ninth wicket added 14 runs and the last man came in with 9 runs needed for victory. When Goodenough bowled him out it was not certain whether the match was tied, but careful reconciliation between the scorers gave Shawnigan a narrow victory by one run. To Hunter went the bowling honours with seven wickets for 25, although Bellm had two wickets for no runs and should have kept himself on longer than he did. It was a thrilling finish to a successful season, and the side is to be congratulated on its success.

Colours were awarded during the season to P. J. MacInnes, G. R. Wilson and A. D. Hunter.

In the House Matches, Groves' beat Lake's in the first round and then were successful in the finals over Ripley's, despite a spirited attempt by Wilson I to save the day for his House.

#### Scores—

First Round .....	Groves' 33.....	Lake's 11
Final .....	Groves' 72.....	Ripley's 34

#### CHARACTERS OF THE 1st XI

- D. BELLM** (Captain) His batting was not consistent, but he played well at times, his second innings against St. George's being one such occasion. He is too inclined to play back to a good length ball. As captain he lacked enterprise and did not make full use of change bowlers, including himself.
- T. F. GOODENOUGH** (Vice-Captain) He has some natural cricket ability with both bat and ball, and is a good fielder. Given continued opportunity to play the game with some further coaching, he could do well.
- P. W. MacInnes** (Colours, 1952) The most consistent batsman on the side. He has some good strokes and can make runs quickly. His innings against University School at Shawnigan was outstanding. A sound wicket keeper.
- G. R. WILSON** (Colours, 1952) His batting improved during the season. He played particularly well against St. George's, but must get out to the pitch of the ball and not poke at it as he did in the last match. A keen and capable fielder.
- A. D. HUNTER** (Colours, 1952) He can bowl well at times with variety of pace, but he tires quickly and loses length with disastrous results. He should improve the rhythm in his action. His batting is uncertain but he has some good strokes which require greater strength to be fully effective.
- J. A. KAYE** He had a disappointing season so far as batting results are concerned. He has a useful off drive and his height enables him to reach out to the ball, but he must keep his elbow forward and thus avoid lifting the ball. He shows some promise as a slow left arm bowler, requiring greater practice in spinning the ball.
- B. A. COATES** He must discriminate between the ball to be hit and the ball to be treated with respect. His strokes are not orthodox but are sometimes effective.
- W. G. BANKS** His batting is too cramped for one of his height and build. He must learn to move his feet more as well as his bat. A sound fielder.
- T. M. OSVOLD** As a batsman he must learn to stand up to the ball and not hold his bat out hoping the ball will hit it. He can bowl well at times but is inclined to be erratic.
- C. D. BROOKS** What he lacks in skill he makes up for in enthusiasm. He learned to play forward this year and with practice should improve in the future. A keen fielder.
- J. P. GAFFNEY** An inexperienced cricketer who tried hard. He must move his feet more and keep his elbow forward, turning his shoulder to the ball, if he wishes to become an effective batsman. Keen in the field but a little slow. He can throw well.
- Also played:** F. L. A. Elmaleh, R. S. Bick, L. O. Louis, P. J. Wilson.



## COLTS CRICKET

This year the Colts team had a quite successful season, winning three of their four matches. Fuller, though too reluctant to change bowlers, captained the team with sufficient perception to utilize with good results the qualities of the individuals on the team. He may have played the game more seriously than was good for his own batting. Svendsen I, Power and Vandersluys showed consistently creditable performances in the field. At keeping wicket, both Underhill and Kaye II showed keenness and some proficiency. On the merits of a bowler: his true worth is not always apparent in the analysis—wickets fall to poor as well as good bowling. The common fault of bowling short was not absent in any of the Colts matches. However, both Fuller and Douglas I can bowl a good effective ball. Simson, Robertson, Svendsen I and Burns bowled quite steadily and usefully.

The team, during the first match in which it was well defeated, showed sound fielding throughout. The second match, against Glenlyon School, was anybody's game until the last run was scored. It was an exciting match with neither side losing control. From the first two games the team learned that runs do not appear but must be earned. In the remaining two games the members of the Colts exhibited a more aggressive attitude toward batting, with satisfactory results.

### RESULTS—

May 10th	— Away —	University School	— lost —	179 - 30.
		(Robertson I—4 for 29; Burns—9)		
May 21st	— Away —	Glenlyon School	— won —	22 - 23.
		(Simson—5 for 8; Power—11)		
June 7th	— Home —	Glenlyon School	— won —	27 - 72 for 3 wickets.
		(Fuller and Douglas I—3 for 8; Simson—34)		
June 14th	— Home —	University School	— won —	24 - 36.
		(Simson—4 for 8; Fuller—6 for 16; Power—15)		

## Track and Field Sports

The Track and Field sports were held in the first two weeks of the summer term. The weather was cold, but reasonably dry. In the inter-house competitions Lake's House proved the strongest and ablest in the open and the Under 16 events, Groves' House in the Under 14, and Ripley's in the Under 12. Lake's House won the Relay Race and Ripley's the Tug-o'-War after some close contests. Final points were as follows:

	Open	Under 16	Under 14	Under 12	Total
Lake's .....	71	50	16	3	140
Ripley's .....	37	8	12	25	82
Groves' .....	42	12	28	14	96

Individually, Coates was the outstanding athlete in the open events, establishing school records for the 100 yards with a time of 10.5 seconds, in the 220 yards with a time of 24.1 seconds, and in the Broad Jump with a distance of 18 ft. 5½ in. MacInnes won honours in the Under 16 events, Madden in the Under 14, and Vandersluys in the Under 12.

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### RIPLEY'S

Denman, P. V. N., 1948.  
Harrison, P. F., 1948. 1st XV.  
Riley, J. S., 1948. School Prefect.  
Wilkinson, P. C., 1948.  
Young, P. McE., 1948. 1st XV.

### LAKE'S

Antles, A. A., 1949.  
Clark, J. A., 1948. 1st XV, 1st XI.  
Crowdy, J. H., 1948.  
Harman, R. H. G., 1946.  
MacInnes, D. C. E., 1946. School Prefect. 1st XV, 1st XI.  
Thee, T. C., 1946. 1st XV, 1st XI.  
Tuttle, C. B., 1946. School Prefect. 1st XV.

### GROVES'

Edgett, W. S., 1945. School Prefect. 1st XV, 1st XI.  
Patrick, A. S., 1948. School Prefect. 1st XV, 1st XI.  
Pinkerton, E. E., 1948. 1st XI.  
Webster, G. B., 1947.



## Old Boys' Notes

Due to the dislocation brought about by the change in headmastership, it has been difficult to collect news of old boys' activities during the year. It is hoped that as many Old Boys as possible will keep in touch with the School and furnish information respecting themselves and their activities. The following information has come to hand:

2nd Lieut. Edwin T. Naden, Jr., of Seattle was placed in the top ten of his graduating class of more than two hundred at the Officers Candidate School, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Capt. R. H. McCleary of Carmel, California, was decorated with a Bronze Star medal for services in Korea where he is a member of the Tenth Corps.

Lieut.-Cdr. R. Hayward of Duncan, who served aboard the ill-fated destroyer Athabaskan in the Second World War, has been appointed executive officer of her present namesake.

Tor Torland is a member of the Foreign Service of the United States of America now attached to the American Embassy at Oslo, Norway. His brother John is stationed with a jet squadron in Germany, and another brother, Erik, is in Seattle.

The annual Old Boys' Dinner was held in Vancouver on October 27th when twenty-five were in attendance. Mr. Duxbury and Mr. Hyde-Lay represented the school.

The Old Boys' week-end in November brought a number of visitors to the school for the customary events—Rag Concert, Memorial Day Service and the Rugger Match.

A number of Old Boys visited the school during the summer term, at half-term, for Speech Day, and at various other times. Some of these were: G. L. Anderson, Budge Bell-Irving, Gordon Parke, Irwin Davis, Hugh Fraser, Derek Johnston, Bill Roaf, Tom Piddington, Bob Douglas, John Pearkes, Grant Butt, Arch. Patrick, Jim Flynn, L. F. Bevington, G. F. Dyson, Bruce Olsen, Bruce Robertson, Fraser McIntosh and Duncan MacInnes.

There was a representative attendance of old boys at Mr. Lonsdale's funeral service at Parksville on August 7th, and also at the Memorial Service in the school chapel on September 14th.

The first Sunday of each school year (usually the second Sunday in September) has been chosen as Founder's Memorial Sunday, and it is hoped that old boys as well as the boys of the school will set aside this day each year as one dedicated to the honour of the founder of the school.

### BIRTHS

**ROAF**—At Vancouver, B.C., on July 29th, 1951, to the wife of J. L. Roaf (1922-25), a son.

### MARRIAGES

**HUNTINGTON - KIRBY**—On September 3rd, 1951, at Caulfield, B.C., Jack Roberts Huntington (1940-1943) to Catherine Constance, granddaughter of Mrs. Walter Kirby.

**LAYARD - LONG**—On October 6th, 1951, at Hamilton, Ontario, Camville Fellow Layard (1935-1942) to Margaret Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Joseph Long.

**BOURKE - BRADDOCK**—On October 20th, 1951, at Qualicum Beach, B.C., Josslyn Allan Roden Bourke (1940-1947) to Barbara Alison, daughter of Mrs. Alice Braddock.

**BALLENTINE - BELFRY**—On October 27th, 1951, at Toronto, Ontario, Patrick Blake Ballentine (1937-1943) to Helen Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Albert Belfry.

**ISAACSON - TURNER**—On February 9th, 1952, at Snohomish, Washington, Henry Carl Isaacson (1938-1940) to Carol, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Norris Turner.

**EDMUNDS - HOFFMAN**—On February 16th, 1952, at Stanford, California, Earl Edward Edmunds (1942-1945) to Jean Louise, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Chester Louis Hoffman.

**MCCLEARY - MARSHALL**—On May 24th, 1952, at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, Captain Robert Hunter McCleary, U.S.A., (1937-1941) to Marion Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Fulton Marshall.

**GANDOSSI - BLOIS**—On June 4th, 1952, at Vancouver, B.C., Marco Gandossi (1924-1942) to Sheila Katherine, daughter of Mrs. Robie K. Blois.

## Parents' Notes

During the year Parents' Guilds have been formed in Vancouver and Seattle. The former is under the chairmanship of Mr. D. W. MacInnes of 4785 Chancellor Blvd., Vancouver, and the latter under the chairmanship of Mr. Bruce Olsen of 5111 W. Grayson Street, Seattle. Old boys and parents of old boys are invited to contact these organizations as a means of keeping in touch with and promoting the interests of the school.





